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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ■ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION PROJECT

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TO: Health Plan Representatives
Data/Finance Workgroup
USC/UCLA Long Term Care Integration Center Staff
San Diego Mental Health Services Administrators

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OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ARIZONA LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION EXPERT

San Diego's Long Term Care Integration Project will have the opportunity to hear from staff who helped implement and support the continued operations of the nation's oldest successful Medicaid acute and long term care integration project: Arizona's ALTCS Program. Since that project's inception almost 20 years ago, long term care expenditures changed from approximately 75% to 45% SNF reimbursement with the difference used to expand home and community-based care options.

Partnership with providers being one of the keys to success, the Arizona Department of Health and Human Services worked to set realistic rates, to adjust payment rates as necessary, to integrate behavioral health services, and to guarantee quality for consumers while maintaining good provider relationships. We have much to learn from the experts as we plan San Diego's acute and long term care integration.

As an important member of our local planning process, I invite you to join this session:

1 to 4 PM, Monday, August 27, 2001
Aging & Independence Services, Hazard View Room
9335 Hazard Way, San Diego, CA 92123

Please bring your questions and thoughts on what we can learn from a project that has been successful over many years. LTCIP needs your participation at this session!

For further information, please call me at 858-495-5428 or e-mail at egrebxsa@co.san-diego.ca.us. I look forward to seeing you on the 27th! Thank you!

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